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TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652:XGDS-3

TAGS: AORG, IAEA

SUBJECT: IAEA DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS: CANDIDACY OF DR. HAND  
JOSEF GRUMM

REF: (A) VIENNA 4376; (B) VIENNA 1598

1. IN REFTEL (A) USIAEA REPORTED THAT DG EKLUND HAS  
DECIDED TO PROPOSE DR. HAND JOSEF GRUMM OF AUSTRIA AS  
SUCCESSOR TO ROMETSCH AS IAEA DEPUTY DG FOR SAFEGUARDS.  
GRUMM IS NOT WELL KNOWN TO US ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY BUT  
WE UNDERSTAND HE IS CAPABLE SCIENTIST/MANAGER. BIO INFOR-  
MATION ON GRUMM WAS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B).

2. AS EMBASSY WILL NOTE FROM PARA 2 REFTEL (B), GRUMM  
BECAME A COMMUNIST WHILE A RUSSIAN POW FOLLOWING WWII BUT  
RENOUNCED HIS MEMBERSHIP IN 1957 AND IS NOW AN INACTIVE

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MEMBER OF OVP CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN AUSTRIA. CHECK HERE  
REVEALS NO COMMUNIST ACTIVITY SINCE 1957.

3. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING OUR POSITION ON DG'S  
INTENTION TO APPOINT GRUMM. OUR PREFERRED CANDIDATE WAS A  
CANADIAN WHO UNFORTUNATELY HAS FAILED TO GENERATE SIGNIFI-  
CANT SUPPORT. OTHER AVAILABLE CANDIDATE APPEARS SIMILARLY

IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER UNACCEPTABLE.

4. TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING FINAL POSITION, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE ON GRUMM'S REPUTATION IN AUSTRIAN CIRCLES, BOTH HIS POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND AS MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATOR. IN ADDITION WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY LOCAL VIENNA PRESS HANDLING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRUMM APPOINTMENT. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE THIS AS DETERMINING FACTOR. ADVANCE INDICATION ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE USEFUL HERE IN THE EVENT GRUMM APPOINTMENT DOES GO THROUGH.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESPONSE ASAP SINCE WE ANTICIPATE DG EKLUND WILL CONSULT ON HIS INTENTIONS DURING IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS SESSION JUNE 6-9.

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